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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 1856-23101 (9595.0-01)  
 First Inventor Rafael L. Espinoza  
 Title Improved Catalysts for the Conversion of Methane to...  
 Express Mail Label No. EV 303424316 US

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
 See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 23]  
*(preferred arrangement set forth below)*  
 - Descriptive title of the invention  
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications  
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table,  
 or a computer program listing appendix  
 - Background of the Invention  
 - Brief Summary of the Invention  
 - Brief Description of the Drawings *(if filed)*  
 - Detailed Description  
 - Claim(s)  
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 4]
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 b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
*(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)*  
 i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
 Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
 Named in the prior application, see 37 CFR  
 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or  
 Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
*(if applicable, all necessary)*  
 a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)  
 b. Specification Sequence Listing on:  
 i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or  
 ii. ☐ paper  
 c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of  
*(when there is an assignee)* Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document *(if applicable)*
12. ☐ Information Disclosure ☐ Copies of IDS  
 Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
*(Should be specifically itemized)*
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
*(if foreign priority is claimed)*
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 122(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form  
 PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. ☐ Other:

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## FEE CALCULATION

## 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee	Code (\$)	Fee	Code (\$)		
1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing Fee	\$770.00
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	\$
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	\$
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	\$
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	\$

SUBTOTAL (1) \$770.00

## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims		Extra Claims		Fee from below		Fee Paid	
43	20**	=	23	x	18.00	=	\$414.00
Independent	4	3**	=	1	x	86.00	= \$86.00
Claims							
Multiple Dependent				290.00 = \$00.00			

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
Fee	Code (\$)	Fee	Code (\$)	
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43	Independent Claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) \$500.00

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## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

## 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	\$
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	\$
1053	130	2053	130	Non-English specification	\$
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	\$
18042	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	\$
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	\$
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	\$
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	\$
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	\$
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	\$
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	\$
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	\$
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	\$
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	\$
1451	1,510	1452	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	\$
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	\$
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	\$
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	\$
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	\$
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	\$
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	\$
1807	50	1806	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(g)	\$
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	\$
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	\$
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	\$
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	\$
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	\$
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	\$

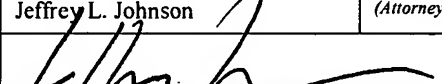
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